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Governor Martin O'Malley Announces Appointment of Alonzo T. Washington to the Maryland House of Delegates

December 4th, 2012

ANNAPOLIS, MD – Governor Martin O'Malley today announced the appointment of Alonzo T. Washington to the Maryland House of Delegates, Legislative District 22 for Prince George's County. Washington will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Justin Ross in November.

"I am pleased to appoint Alonzo T. Washington to the Maryland House of Delegates," said Governor O'Malley. "Mr. Washington has been an active member of the Prince George's County community, working to organize local civic associations and advancing economic development projects in the county including the Gateway Arts District. I look forward to working with Alonzo as we continue to advance policies and programs which will benefit the interests of citizens in every corner of our State."

Washington presently serves as the chief of staff and legislative aide to Prince George's County Councilman Will Campos. He previously served as an outreach coordinator for the County Council and has also served as a paralegal to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Washington holds a BA in Criminal Justice from the University of Maryland, College Park. Washington is a lifelong resident of Prince George's County.

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Statement from Governor Martin O'Malley on the Departure of Director of Public Affairs Rick Abbruzzese

December 4th, 2012

ANNAPOLIS, MD - Governor Martin O'Malley issued the following statement in response to the announcement that his Director of Public Affairs, Rick Abbruzzese, would be leaving the Administration later this year. Abbruzzese will join Rifkin, Livingston, Levitan & Silver, LLC (RLLS) as Partner in the firm's Annapolis office.

"For almost 10 years, I have relied upon Rick's guidance and advice. Rick has been a trusted political advisor and friend to me personally, and a strong, effective advocate for the people of Maryland. Always a team player with unwavering loyalty, Rick played a critical role in helping to shape policies to move our State forward, strengthen Maryland's safety net, and respect the dignity of all Marylanders equally under the law. I will always be grateful for Rick's commitment to me personally and for his service to the Citizens of Baltimore and the State of Maryland. I wish Rick the very best in his future endeavors."

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Statement from Governor Martin O'Malley on the Sale of Sparrows Point

December 13th, 2012

ANNAPOLIS, MD – Governor Martin O'Malley today released the following statement on the sale of Sparrows Point:

“The news that Hilco has sold Sparrows Point is disappointing.

“Steelmaking at Sparrows Point has been a major part of Maryland’s economy for more than a century, providing and supporting well-paying jobs for generations. We were hopeful that the plant would remain a viable steelmaking operation.

“Maryland’s Departments of Business and Economic Development (DBED) and Labor, Licensing and Regulation (DLLR) engaged both the plant owners and employees in an effort to continue that tradition at Sparrows Point. As we move forward, we will continue to work with Baltimore County and United Steelworkers Local 9477 to ensure that Sparrows Point remains a viable employment center for the County and the State of Maryland. We stand ready to provide additional assistance to USW members during this transition and have dedicated resources to Sparrows Point workers.

“Maryland’s workforce stands among the nation’s best. We are confident that the dedicated steelworkers of Sparrows Point will transition to new jobs and continue to play an important role in our economy.”

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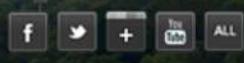


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Governor O'Malley Applauds Agreement Supporting Maryland's Racing Industry

December 14th, 2012

ANNAPOLIS, MD - Governor Martin O'Malley today thanked the Maryland Jockey Club (MJC), the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (MTHA), the Maryland Horse Breeders Association (MHBA), and the Maryland Racing Commission for their work to reach a 10-year agreement for sustained racing at Pimlico Race Course and Laurel Park.

"Today is a great day for Maryland's racing industry. When my office helped broker a deal in 2010 that would temporarily sustain the industry, I was confident that all the parties would continue to work hard to reach an agreement that would preserve Maryland's racing heritage and industry," said Governor O'Malley. "I applaud the incredible work of all the parties in reaching a deal that retains racing industry jobs and preserves the future of racing in Maryland for years to come."

The 2013 racing season will feature 146 days of live racing days at the major Maryland tracks, the same number as in 2010, 2011 and 2012. The Maryland Jockey Club will guarantee a minimum of 100 days a year for the balance of the agreement. There are provisions in the contract for the horsemen to race additional days through a revenue-sharing program.

The deal also calls for Pimlico and Laurel Park to remain open for year-round racing, training and stabling for the balance of the contract. Maryland Jockey Club president Tom Chuckas indicated Pimlico and Laurel would maintain a minimum of 1,900 stalls.

"I am very pleased with the agreement," said Stronach Group chairman Frank Stronach, who owns Pimlico and Laurel. "This shows our commitment to Maryland racing and the long-term future of the industry. It is our vision to encourage people to invest in Maryland racing."

"We created a plan that benefits everyone and develops a sustainable model for the future," said Tom Chuckas, president of the Maryland Jockey Club. "I would like to thank Governor Martin O'Malley for his continued support of the industry. We appreciate his involvement two years ago which set-up the framework for this deal. We appreciate Maryland Racing Commissioners John McDaniel and Bruce Quade for their commitment as well as the leadership from the MTHA and MBHA for working with us to make this happen."

"This is an historic moment for the Maryland racing community and the dawn of a new era," said MTHA General Counsel Alan Foreman. "The years of uncertainty and strife are over. The racing industry owes a debt of gratitude to Tom Chuckas, Mike Rogers, Richard Hoffberger, Dale Capuano, Wayne Wright, Tom Bowman, Bruce Quade and John McDaniel for their dedication and hard work over the past 11 months to bring this to fruition. Most importantly, I want to thank Frank Stronach for his commitment to the future of Maryland racing and his willingness to work with us to find constructive solutions to our complicated issues. Since he assumed ownership of the Maryland tracks, Frank has sought a business model that would allow him to profit here while preserving and enhancing Maryland's historic racing industry. In partnership with him, we can now achieve that goal."

"It was an honor to be involved in this historic accomplishment," said MHBA president Tom Bowman. "A special acknowledgement needs to be given to the Maryland Racing Commission for providing both the impetus and guidance to see this process completed. Hats off to everyone involved."

"For our loyal horsemen and the thousands of workers throughout the state who have supported Maryland racing during the difficult past decade, we will now have long-term stability, year-round racing and stabling, an attractive purse structure, promise for the breeding industry and a strong foundation to restore Maryland racing to its pre-eminence in North American racing," added Foreman. "For those who left Maryland for greener pastures, I think you will find that Maryland will soon become the centerpiece of racing in the Mid-Atlantic."

Chuckas said the deal "allows the Maryland Jockey Club to invest in capital improvements at both facilities and we plan on submitting a plan to the Maryland Racing Commission and Maryland Department of Budget and Management in February."

The parties will ask the Maryland Racing Commission to approve the 2013 racing dates at their monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 18th. The meeting begins at 12:30 PM in Laurel Park's Ruffian room.

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Statement from Governor Martin O'Malley on the Tragedy in Connecticut

December 14th, 2012

ANNAPOLIS, MD – Governor Martin O'Malley today issued the following statement on the tragedy in Connecticut:

"The loss of innocent lives today in the shootings in Connecticut are tragic beyond words. Katie and I send our thoughts and prayers to those who lost loved ones in this heartbreaking tragedy.

"It's incomprehensible to even attempt to understand the pain these families are feeling today, especially the speechless pain of losing a child. We encourage everyone to keep the victims and their families in their thoughts and prayers."

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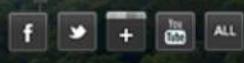
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Governor Martin O'Malley Appoints Dominick Murray Secretary of Economic Development

December 19th, 2012

Secretary Christian S. Johansson leaving public service to join private sector education organization

ANNAPOLIS, MD – Governor Martin O'Malley today announced Dominick Murray as Maryland's Secretary of Business & Economic Development (DBED), following the decision by current Secretary Christian S. Johansson to leave public service to join Maryland-based Laureate Education to head a new group focused on university partnerships in the U.S. Succeeding Murray as Deputy Secretary will be Robert Walker, who previously served as the Department's Chief Operating Officer and Assistant Secretary for Business and Enterprise Development, as well as Maryland's Secretary of Agriculture. The changes will be effective mid-January.

"We are fortunate to have someone with Dominick's knowledge and extensive background in economic development take the helm at DBED. Maryland is recovering jobs at the 7th fastest rate in the nation and we have great confidence that Dominick will continue that progress," said Governor O'Malley. "I want to thank Christian for his work in creating an economic development strategy centered on creating jobs not just for today, but creating jobs for generations to come. Under Christian's leadership, we put in place a number of key programs to put Maryland at the forefront of entrepreneurship and innovation, including the largest venture capital program in State history – *InvestMaryland*. I could not have asked for a more engaged or visionary person to help me move Maryland's economy forward and I wish him well in his new endeavors."

Murray has served as DBED's Deputy Secretary since 2007, and has been an integral part of Governor O'Malley's business development and job growth team for more than 10 years, leading Baltimore City's economic development efforts during the Governor's tenure as Mayor of Baltimore. In that role, Murray streamlined the City's development and permitting processes, facilitated inter-agency communication on development issues and acted as a business community ombudsman for the Mayor's office.

His advocacy for Maryland's businesses continued during his tenure at DBED, where he has led the agency's regional development team and offered critical assistance to Maryland's local economic development offices and businesses. Murray also designed and implemented DBED's participation in the Governor's Delivery Unit, which works with agencies to help them align state and federal resources around 15 strategic and visionary goals the Governor has outlined to improve the quality of life in Maryland. He has served on critical technology and business development boards, including the Greater Baltimore Committee's Technology Council, the Maryland Aviation Administration board, the Marcellus Shale Advisory Commission and the Governor's Workforce Investment board.

A Michigan native who earned a BA from the University of Detroit, Murray also brings to the position

significant private sector experience and perspective, after working in sales and marketing and senior management at large corporations like Chrysler, Westinghouse, GE Capital and CBS Radio, as well as in small companies like O/E Mid-Atlantic, G1440 and ARIS Corp. His public service also includes serving on the boards of the Johns Hopkins Diabetes Center and the UMBC Cooperative Education Office.

Johansson, who joined DBED at the height of the economic downturn in 2009, developed a number of successful initiatives to spur the State's innovation economy, connect small businesses with credit and build on core industries like life sciences and cyber security.

Among many accomplishments, Johansson worked with the Governor's office to develop *InvestMaryland*, which has \$84 million raised through an online tax credit auction to invest in the State's early stage companies. While other states have similar programs, *InvestMaryland* is unique in that if investments are successful, 100 percent of the principal and 80 percent of the profits are returned to the State's general fund. To date, nearly \$2 million has been deployed through the program since making its first investment in September. Earlier this year, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce cited *InvestMaryland* and other programs focused on innovation as the key reason they ranked Maryland #1 in Entrepreneurship and Innovation. Johansson was also instrumental in helping to pass the Maryland Innovation Initiative, which is a first-ever partnership between the State and five qualifying universities to advance cutting-edge research to the commercial marketplace and foster collaboration between the universities and federal laboratories.

To address the credit crunch, Johansson worked with the Governor's office and federal partners to craft the State Small Business Credit Initiative, part of the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010. Under the program, Maryland and 33 other states and U.S. territories received federal funds to provide state-backed loan guarantees to small businesses that were unable to access traditional bank financing. To date, the program has helped create 887 jobs and leverage more than \$74 million in private sector loans and investments.

In addition, he also advocated for streamlining regulations for Maryland businesses through the State's Maryland Made Easy program; worked to bring businesses to the table through the creation and revitalization of a number of boards and commissions, including the Maryland Economic Development Commission and the Maryland Advisory Commission on Manufacturing Competitiveness; and he oversaw two successful economic development missions to China, South Korea, Vietnam and India, which netted a total of \$145 million in trade and investment deals for the State.

ABOUT DBED: The Maryland Department of Business & Economic Development stimulates private investment and creates jobs by attracting new businesses, encouraging the expansion and retention of existing companies, and providing workforce training and financial assistance to Maryland companies. The Department promotes the State's many economic advantages and markets local products and services at home and abroad to spur economic development and international investment, trade and tourism. Because they are major economic generators, the Department also supports the Arts, film production, sports and other special events. For more information, visit www.ChooseMaryland.org.

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Governor Martin O'Malley Congratulates Senator Mikulski on Appointment as Chair of Appropriations Committee

December 20th, 2012

ANNAPOLIS, MD – Governor Martin O'Malley today released the following statement on Senator Barbara Mikulski becoming the first woman to chair the Senate Appropriations Committee:

"Senator Mikulski is the perfect choice to Chair the Senate Appropriations Committee. She is one of the most effective Senators ever to serve in the U.S. Senate Chamber, and we in Maryland know firsthand her commitment to creating jobs, expanding opportunity, protecting the safety and security of Maryland's families, and protecting our quality of life. There is no one better to continue Senator Inouye's legacy.

We are very proud that she will be the first woman ever to serve as Chair of this prestigious committee."

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Governor O'Malley Signs Executive Order Helping State Prepare for Climate Change and Extreme Weather

December 28th, 2012

ANNAPOLIS, MD – Governor Martin O'Malley has signed a landmark initiative to increase the State's long term resiliency to storm related flooding and sea level rise. He signed the [Climate Change and Coast Smart Construction Executive Order](#), directing that all new and reconstructed state structures, as well as other infrastructure improvements, be planned and constructed to avoid or minimize future flood damage.

"As storms such as Hurricane Sandy have shown, it is vital that we commit our resources and expertise to create a ready and resilient Maryland, by taking the necessary steps to adapt to the rising sea and unpredictable weather," said Governor O'Malley. "In studying and planning for storms and climate change, we can ensure that our land, infrastructure, and most importantly our citizens are safe and prepared."

The Executive Order enacts a number of policy directives, including directing all State agencies to consider the risk of coastal flooding and sea level rise when they design capital budget projects and charging the Department of General Services with updating its architecture and engineering guidelines to require new and rebuilt State structures to be elevated two or more feet above the 100-year base flood level.

"Over the past three decades, Maryland's climate has become hotter and water levels within the Chesapeake Bay have continued to rise," said Zoe Johnson, DNR's Program Manager for Climate Change Policy. "The region's recent extreme storms and weather have demonstrated just how vulnerable our natural resources and infrastructure can be to such events. The Executive Order will be instrumental in reshaping how we build along Maryland's coasts."

The Executive Order also charges the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to work with the Maryland Commission on Climate Change, local governments and other parties as appropriate, to develop additional Coast Smart guidelines within nine months, for the siting and construction of new and rebuilt State structures, as well as other infrastructure improvements such as roads, bridges, sewer and water systems, and other essential public utilities.

Recommendations for applying the new construction guidelines to non-state infrastructure projects that are partially or fully funded in the State's capital budget will also be developed.

Additionally, the Executive Order tasks the Scientific and Technical Working Group of the Maryland Commission on Climate Change with providing updated sea level rise projections for Maryland. In 2008, the Scientific and Technical Working Group published sea level rise projections for Maryland, with a high end range of 3.4 feet by the year 2100. However, considerable new research on sea level rise has since been published requiring the updating of these projections, according to Dr. Donald Boesch, President of University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, and chair of the Working Group.

For example, a study by the U.S. Geological Survey published this summer in the

journal Nature Climate Change demonstrated that the 1,000 kilometer stretch of coast running from Cape Hatteras to north of Boston is a “hot spot” of sea level rise. The study found that since 1990, sea levels along this stretch, which includes Maryland, are rising at an annual rate three to four times faster than the global average. Dr. Boesch pointed out “the State should be using the most up-to-date sea level rise projections in order to ensure that state infrastructure is sited and designed in a manner that will avoid or minimize future loss or damages.” Revised sea level rise projections are to be issued by end of June 2013.

To assist local governments, DNR’s [CoastSmart](#) Communities Program will continue to provide on-the-ground sea level rise planning expertise, training, and technical mapping tools. Launched by Governor O’Malley in April 2009, Maryland’s CoastSmart Communities program has awarded more than a half-million dollars to coastal communities to help prepare for the anticipated impacts of climate change. In partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the State provides grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$75,000 to coastal communities to support the planning and preparation. For more information on the CoastSmart Program or to submit a funding request, visit dnr.maryland.gov/CoastSmart

For more information on Maryland’s climate change adaptation efforts, visit <http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/climatechange/>

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Governor O'Malley Appoints Kevin Hughes Chairman of the Public Service Commission

December 28th, 2012

ANNAPOLIS, MD – Governor Martin O'Malley today announced the appointment of Commissioner W. Kevin Hughes as chairman of the Maryland Public Service Commission. He has served as a commissioner since 2011. Commissioner Hughes' designation as chairman follows Governor O'Malley's announcement that current Chairman Douglas R.M. Nazarian has been appointed to the Court of Special Appeals.

"Commissioner Hughes' tenure on the Public Service Commission has been exemplary," said Governor O'Malley. "He has demonstrated a commitment to protecting the interests of ratepayers while also balancing the needs of utilities and ensuring that Marylanders have access to clean, affordable energy. Commissioner Hughes also understands that the State of Maryland must be an active participant in regional and federal decisions that affect our energy markets."

Prior to his appointment to the Public Service Commission, Commissioner Hughes served as deputy legislative officer to Governor O'Malley and Governor Parris Glendening, where he gained expertise in energy policy, transportation, K-12 and higher education, and state and local taxation. Earlier in his career, he served as principal analyst for the Maryland Department of Legislative Services and as legislative officer under Governor William Donald Schaefer. Commissioner Hughes graduated from the University of Maryland School of Law in 1994, earned a Master's Degree in Public Policy from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government in 1985, and obtained a B.A. degree in Government and Politics from the University of Maryland, College Park.

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Governor O'Malley Appoints Judges to Court of Special Appeals and Trial Courts in Baltimore City, Baltimore County, and Carroll County

December 28th, 2012

Highly Qualified, Diverse Candidates Selected to Serve the State

ANNAPOLIS, MD – Governor Martin O'Malley today announced the appointment of Douglas R. M. Nazarian to serve on the Court of Special Appeals for the 2nd Appellate Circuit. To the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, Governor O'Malley appointed Philip Senan Jackson, Judge Christopher Louis Panos, Melissa Marie Phinn, and Julie Rebecca Rubin. To the District Court for Baltimore County, Governor O'Malley appointed Michael Thurston Pate and Kimberly Michelle Thomas. Additionally, to the District Court for Carroll County, Governor O'Malley selected Brian David Green. These appointees bring a diverse array of legal experiences to their new jobs. They also represent the ethnic and gender diversity of Maryland.

Over the last several months, Governor O'Malley has conducted numerous interviews with candidates recommended to him by the appellate courts nominating commission and the trial court judicial nominating commissions. All of the judges selected to serve in Maryland's judiciary were recommended to him by the commissions.

For the Court of Special Appeals, Governor O'Malley appointed Douglas R. M. Nazarian, who presently serves as Chairman of the Maryland Public Service Commission, a position he has held since 2008. "As leader of the Public Service Commission, Chairman Nazarian has demonstrated his ability to handle complex issues in a fair and thorough way," said Governor O'Malley. "I am confident that he has the intellect and organizational skills necessary to meet the needs of the Court of Special Appeals and to render well-reasoned decisions."

Prior to his appointment as Chairman of the Public Service Commission, Mr. Nazarian served the Commission as its general counsel. Before entering public service, Mr. Nazarian was a partner in the Litigation Practice Group of Hogan & Hartson, LLC (now known as Hogan Lovells USA LLP). He also taught for several years as an adjunct professor at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law. Since 2004, Mr. Nazarian has served as Dean of the CollegeBound Foundation, a program in Baltimore City public schools that is designed to assist students in their transition from high school to college to work.

Mr. Nazarian has impeccable academic credentials. He graduated cum laude from Yale College in 1988 and received his law degree from Duke University School of Law in 1991, where he also graduated with honors. Following law school, Mr. Nazarian clerked for the Honorable James B. Loken on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. Mr. Nazarian currently resides in Baltimore County. He fills a vacancy created by the retirement of the Honorable James R. Eyler, who served on the 2nd Appellate Circuit of the Court of Special

Appeals (which is comprised of Baltimore and Harford Counties) for 16 years.

In the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, Governor O'Malley has appointed four individuals to serve as trial court judges.

Philip Senan Jackson has served for the past 19 years as an assistant United States attorney for the District of Maryland. At various times, he served as deputy chief of the Narcotics Division, the attorney coordinator for the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force, and the international matters coordinator. Prior to joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, Mr. Jackson spent seven years as an assistant state's attorney for Baltimore County. He graduated from the University of Baltimore School of Law in 1984 and from the University of Maryland at College Park in 1979.

Governor O'Malley elevated Judge Christopher Louis Panos to the Circuit Court after six years of service on the District Court for Baltimore City. On the District Court, Judge Panos presided over more than 56,000 cases. Prior to his appointment to the bench by Governor Robert L. Ehrlich in 2006, Judge Panos served as a special master for the Family Division of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City and worked in private practice, where he focused on family law issues. He received a law degree from the University of Baltimore School of Law in 1989, a Master's Degree from the University of Baltimore in 1984, and an undergraduate degree from the University of Maryland at College Park in 1980.

Melissa Marie Phinn is an experienced litigator with 20 years of trial experience. She currently is a solo practitioner specializing in criminal defense and personal injury cases. Previously, she served as an assistant public defender for Baltimore City for nine years, as an associate at the Law Office of Stanley H. Needleman, and as a law clerk to then-Baltimore City Circuit Court Judge Ellen L. Hollander. She graduated from the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law in 1992 and from Towson University in 1976.

Julie Rebecca Rubin is currently a complex business litigation attorney with the Baltimore-based firm of Astrachan Gunst Thomas Rubin. She has served as the firm's vice president since 2008 and has been a principal since 2005. Ms. Rubin is a lifelong Marylander and serves on numerous local commissions and boards, including the Maryland Commission on Judicial Disabilities and the Baltimore-based CollegeBound Foundation. She graduated from the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law in 1998 and from Mount Holyoke College in 1995.

In the District Court for Baltimore County, Governor O'Malley has appointed Michael Thurston Pate and Kimberly Michelle Thomas.

Michael Thurston Pate has been a solo practitioner since 2006. His wide-ranging practice includes personal injury cases, criminal defense, and general civil litigation. Earlier in his career, Mr. Pate worked for several years as an assistant state's attorney for Baltimore County and as a litigation associate with the Towson-based firm of Covahey, Boozer, Devan and Dore, P.A. He graduated from the University of Baltimore School of Law in 1991 and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1986.

As a solo practitioner for the past eight years, Kimberly Michelle Thomas has accumulated a broad range of legal experience. She focuses on criminal litigation but has also represented individuals in domestic matters, probate proceedings, and juvenile delinquency matters. Since 2008, Ms. Thomas has also served on the Board of Review for the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. In that capacity, she handles administrative appeals and provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary. Earlier in her career, Ms. Thomas served for four years as an assistant public defender in Baltimore City. She graduated from the University of Maine School of Law in 2000 and the University of Baltimore in 1997.

In the District Court for Carroll County, Governor O'Malley appointed Brian David Green. Mr. Green is very familiar with the courts in Carroll County. For the past 23 years, he has served as an attorney there with the Office of the Public Defender. Mr. Green also has significant

teaching experience. He is an Adjunct Professor for the Criminal Practice Clinic at the University of Baltimore School of Law, and has worked for the Shemer Bar Review since 1999.

Mr. Green began his legal career as an Assistant State's Attorney in Baltimore City. He graduated from the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law in 1987 and from Bethany College in 1980.

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Governor Martin O'Malley Names Stephen Neuman Director of Public Affairs

December 28th, 2012

ANNAPOLIS, MD - Governor Martin O'Malley today announced Stephen Neuman as Director of Public Affairs. Neuman will advise the governor on a range of issues, including communications and policy.

"I am pleased that Steve will join our Administration as Director of Public Affairs," said Governor O'Malley. "With years of experience on the federal, state and local levels of government, he will be a seasoned advisor and we are confident in his abilities to help move our Administration forward."

"Governor O'Malley has fought hard to create jobs, invest in schools, and help middle class families in Maryland get ahead," said Mr. Neuman. "I'm honored to join his team."

Mr. Neuman joins the O'Malley-Brown Administration with a wealth of experience in government and policy. He has worked in two governors' offices: as a senior advisor to Gov. Bev Perdue of North Carolina, and as a special assistant to former Gov. Mel Carnahan of Missouri. In addition, Neuman served as a legislative assistant under two U.S. Senators: Jay Rockefeller (D-WV) and Jean Carnahan (D-MO). Neuman also worked as law clerk for the Hon. Judge James B. Zagel, United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, and as a corporate attorney for Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP.

Mr. Neuman graduated from the University of Missouri with a B.A. in Political Science, and earned his J.D. at Washington University in St. Louis.

Neuman replaces Rick Abbruzzese, former director of public affairs and will begin work in the Administration effective January 3.

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Statement from Governor Martin O'Malley on 30-Day Contract Extension for Longshoremens

December 28th, 2012

ANNAPOLIS, MD – Governor Martin O'Malley released this statement following the agreement today to extend the longshoremens' contract for 30 days:

"I'd like to commend today's decision by the International Longshoremens' Association and the United States Maritime Alliance to extend their negotiations by 30 days to produce a new master labor agreement for ports along the East Coast and Gulf of Mexico.

"The Port of Baltimore continues to be a major part of our State's economic strength, generating and supporting thousands of jobs. During this extended period, we hope that a long-term resolution can be reached for the well-being of Maryland's hardworking families who depend on jobs and commerce linked to the Port of Baltimore."

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